

ADVICE to politicians: "If the tariff is too high, lower it; if it is too low, higher it."

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WELCOME, DEMOCRATS Topeka wishes she had more time to entertain you.

POSTSCRIPT

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## DEMOCRATS OF KANSAS INVADE TOPEKA TODAY

### Washington's Birthday Is Celebrated With Big Political Gathering



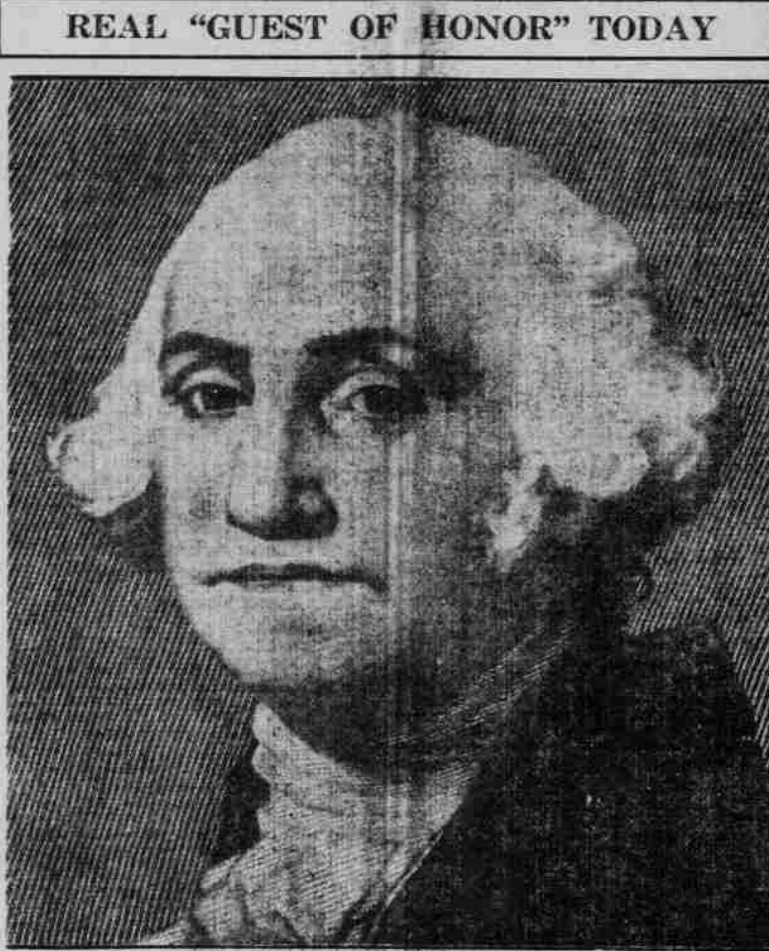
Ben S. Galtskill, Girard gubernatorial possibility. He will discuss "The Future of the Democratic Party."



Miss Laura French, widely known Emporia newspaper woman. She will discuss "The Spirit of Democracy."



John E. Wagner, Larned, candidate for national committeeman, who will tell of "America's Victories."



W. S. Lansdon, Salina, president of Kansas Democratic club and strongly urged for the governorship.



Judge W. S. Langmade, Oberlin, who will respond to the toast, "The Pacifism of a Political Party."



W. W. Halloway, Kansas City, who will respond to the toast, "The Young Man's Party."



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## ANNUAL BANQUET TONIGHT

Democrats Ready for Big Yearly Love Feast.

Seven Hundred Loyal Bourbons Are in Topeka.

SEE HOPES FOR VICTORY HERE

Belief That Capper Is Weaker Than in 1914 Election.

Control of 1917 Legislature an Ambition of Supporters.

### BANQUET PROGRAM.

"America's Victories," John E. Wagner, Larned.  
"The Young Man's Party," W. W. Halloway, Kansas City.  
"The Spirit of Democracy," Miss Laura French, Emporia.  
"Democracy in Kansas," W. S. Langmade, Oberlin.  
"The Future of the Democratic Party," Ben S. Galtskill, Girard.  
"National Issues," Governor Morehead of Nebraska.  
Toastmaster, W. C. Langston, Salina.  
Music, Gillham's orchestra.

With a new pre-election hope and a determination to fight for all the jobs that are loose, more than 700 Democrats are in Topeka today to attend the annual party love feast and to discuss the distribution of each pie as may be available. Party lieutenants, colonels, majors and mere patriots on foot are in the hotel lobbies today—each with a plan for the future and each with the hope that some day true service will be appreciated by a just reward.

Not in recent years has the annual banquet of the Kansas Democrats aroused such intense interest among the workers in the state. Monday night, twenty-four hours in advance of the banquet, the lobbies of the Thurnip hotel were crowded with visitors and every foot of sleeping space in the hotel was sold. Almost every county in the state was represented in the big crowd and everyone brought a new word of hope or a new plan of action for consideration of the leaders.

On Equal Footing.

Men and women who hold public jobs, men and women who do not serve the public—but are willing to—all stood on equal footing today, discussing plans of the party were considered. With the exception of the big state convention the meeting in Topeka today is the big political event of the year so far as the Democrats are concerned. In regard to the making of medicine, the banquet crowd today counts as a thorough and complete job. Candidates will be considered and the work of the campaign will be outlined by the leaders. An fact the policy of (Continued on Page 2.)

## With The Democrats In Topeka

Charles M. Sawyer of Kansas City, governor of the federal reserve bank and state bank commissioner during the early months of the Hodges administration, is here. Sawyer formerly lived in Norton and is associated with a number of banks in the Sixth district. He was one of the most popular bank commissioners in recent years and resigned when appointed to the \$10,000 job in Kansas City. Sawyer is a brother-in-law of E. E. Ames of Topeka.

Fred Robertson, United States district attorney, came to Topeka early Wednesday. Robertson was state senator from the Thirty-ninth district during the 1913 legislative session and was appointed United States district attorney to succeed Harry J. Bone. Robertson was accompanied to Topeka by Frank L. Brady of Oswego, first assistant in the district attorney's office.

Thomas Sweeney of Lawrence headed the delegation which came from Douglas county. Sweeney has been an active worker in the party for years and has been urged as a candidate for state treasurer.

"Jimmie" Cassin of Pittsburg, postmaster of the house of representatives during the 1913 legislative session and a member of the house in 1911, is here for the banquet.

Mike Frey came to Topeka from his home in Junction City with the most glaring red necktie that has been displayed in the hotel lobbies by the banquet guests. Frey was a member of the house during the 1911-12 sessions.

Ed T. Hackney, president of the state board of administration, found convenient business engagements in Topeka this week and is spending the night with the Democrats in the hotel lobbies.

Judge A. M. Jackson of Winfield is here and wants nothing except a Democratic victory. He was a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination in 1912.

Glick Fockele of LeRoy, Harrison Parkman of Emporia, Robert Focht of Emporia and F. M. Patterson of Yates Center are among Fourth district Democratic editors who are attending the banquet and the editorial writing.

Taylor Riddle of Madison, former member of the legislature and five stock sanitary commissioner during the closing months of the Hodges administration, came early and has been active among the leaders. Riddle has been urged as state chairman, but has made no positive statement.

Ben S. Galtskill this afternoon decided to state whether he would continue to remain in the fight for the governorship. Galtskill would doubtless run in an open field, but the W. C. Lansdon support is sufficiently strong to indicate that he and Salina man will remain in the fight.

Third district Democrats conferred this morning concerning the holding of a district convention to select delegates to the national convention. They agreed to hold a district convention the first week in May.

## WOMEN UNLOAD TROUBLES UPON THE DEMOCRATS

Kansas Suffrage Leaders Descend Upon Bourbons.

Invite Party Leaders to Jump Through Suff Hoop.

THEY CORNERED THOMPSON

Declared He Was a "Friend," but That Didn't Count!

"We Are Doing Today's Fighting Today"—Miss Stevens.

Kansas suffrage leaders, backed by the congressional union, today opened a new four foot vein of trouble in state politics when they stuck their pick into the meeting of the Democrats. The new row which means little but grief, sorrow, anguish and tears for the visiting Bourbons was unloaded by Miss Mabel Vernon and Miss Doris Stevens, pilgrims of the national suffrage cause under the congressional union banner.

With a fine display of humility, abundant smiles and a ten of determination, suffrage leaders re-enacted their demonstration before President Wilson and his party and told the Kansas Democrats just how to perform. Of course there was no politics in it. Both suffrage workers protested at the mention of such matters. The Democrats were merely invited to jump through a hoop. If they didn't—well, the congressional union wasn't making open statements as to just what they were bent upon doing.

Battle lines for the meeting of the congressional union in Topeka Wednesday were also formed while the Democrats were being proved and with suggestions. As the congressional union worked out its plan to make the Democrats good and force adoption of the Susan B. Anthony resolution before congress, anti-union workers prepared to fight any display of militancy in the state.

When Miss Stevens arrived in Topeka from New York, she carried a few bombs for the national suffrage association. She dropped them in a meek and modest sort of way. She merely suggested that the union wasn't fighting the national association. The national organization might come over and show its good faith by helping the congressional union.

"We don't want to fight, but if the other women are as strongly in favor of the Anthony resolution as we are, let them come over and help us," was the kindly suggestion which Miss Stevens offered. It might mean that the national suffrage association should try aside its own banner and join with the Stevens-Vernon-Monroe crowd. All of which may help to disturb the already troubled feelings of the suffrage association.

Just as soon as breakfast was over of the way this morning Miss Stevens, awake to answer his telephone and learn that the congressional union had pitched its tent and was camping on his trail. The Democratic senator was asked for a conference.

"Why a conference with me?" asked the puzzled senator. "Why, I have always been a friend of suffrage."

But the explanation didn't go. Not for so much as a minute or two. Miss Vernon was on the other end of the wire and she purred gentle two and three syllable words of encouragement into the ears of the senator.

## WREATHS ON TOMB

Patriotic Societies Decorate for Washington Today.

President and High Officials Appear on Programs.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Every agency of the American government paused today to pay homage to the memory of George Washington in the capital which bears his name. President Wilson, Secretary Lansing, Ambassador Jusserand and other national figures gathered at a celebration at Continental Memorial hall under the (Continued on Page Four.)

## POSTSCRIPT

MAHLON D. THATCHER, MILLIONAIRE, DIES

Colorado's Wealthiest and Veteran Financier Passes Away at Pueblo.

Pueblo, Feb. 22.—Mahlon D. Thatcher, Pueblo millionaire banker, died today. He was 76 years old. Death was due to a general breakdown.

Thatcher was born near Gettysburg, Pa., December 6, 1839. With his brother, John A. Thatcher, who died in 1912, he conducted a general store when Pueblo was little more than a trading post. In 1871 they organized the First National bank, which developed into one of the largest banking houses in the West.

Resides being president of the First National, Thatcher was interested in many Colorado banks and in the National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City. His estate is estimated to be worth from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000. A widow, one son, Mahlon D. Thatcher, Jr., and three daughters, Mrs. Lydia Wheeler and Mrs. Lucia Waller, of Chicago, and Mrs. Ada Hunsinger, of New York, survive.

## TURBULENT OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE IS OVER

Extraordinary Session Ends in Peace—Pass Important Measures.

Okla. City, Feb. 22.—The extraordinary session of the Oklahoma legislature adjourned sine die today. Peace marked the end of the turbulent session which had extended its activity a week longer than the thirty-day period specified in the governor's call.

Among the important acts of the extra session of the legislature are: Passage of the anti-usury law, designed to force compliance with the constitutional interest rate of 6 and 10 per cent.

Law to give voters absent from home on general election days the right to vote at any precinct in the state. Providing that counties may vote

## FATAL N. Y. FIRE

Theatrical Hotel Ruins May Hold Many Dead.

Five Bodies Removed; Twenty Actors Were Occupants.

New York, Feb. 22.—Several people are believed to have lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the Colonial restaurant in the theatre district early today. The upper floors of the five-story building were occupied by lodgers.

Firemen found the bodies of four men and one woman in hallways of the upper stories. There were several sensational escapes as the flames rushed upward through the building from the basement. One man who jumped from the second floor was seriously injured. There were 20 actors rooming in the house at the time.

Early reports said a number of actors and actresses had perished, but as a voting registration system. The anti-gambling law was re-enacted.

The oil and gas gross production tax law was amended so as to increase the tax from 2 to 3 per cent.

Among the important appropriations were \$100,000 for expense of further freight and passenger rate litigation, and \$20,000 for additional buildings at the Granite reformatory.

A constitutional amendment was submitted establishing a literacy test as a voting qualification; established universal registration system.

The anti-gambling law was re-enacted.

## LAST MINUTE NEWS

Rough Seas Kill Two.

New York, Feb. 22.—Two deaths, which were attributed to the vessel's rough passage, occurred on the American line steamship New York, which arrived from Liverpool today, incased in ice.

Mrs. S. A. Wallace, wife of the manager for the General Electric company in Everett, Mass., died last Sunday of heart failure, ascribed in part to the violent rolling of the ship. On February 15 John Haughey, a coal passer, was crushed under an avalanche of coal.

Cudahy's Hog Killers Strike.

Sioux City, Feb. 22.—A strike was called in the hog killing department of the Cudahy packing plant today. The men declared it is the beginning of a general strike of all employees of the Cudahy company in Sioux City, unless their demands for higher wages are granted. The men ask an increase of 5 cents an hour in the wages of butchers and 2 cents an hour in the pay of laborers.

Anglo-French Committee Meets.

Paris, Feb. 22.—The Anglo-French parliamentary committee began its sessions today. Viscount Bryce, head of the British section, in addressing the French delegates said there would be no separate peace among the warring powers, nor any compromise.

Bleasie for S. Carolina Governor.

## WALKAWAY FOR DAVE MULVANE THRU SHAWNEE

Delegates to Republican County Convention Unanimous.

Resolution Endorsing National Suffrage Is Adopted.

SHELLABARGER IS SECRETARY

Fifty-Seven Delegates Elected to the State Convention.

Susan B. Anthony Resolution Is Urged by Women.

At their convention this afternoon the Republicans of Shawnee county elected 57 delegates to the state convention which meets in Topeka March 21 and 27 delegates to the First district congressional convention which meets at Atchison March 2—two delegates entirely friendly to the candidacy of D. W. Mulvane for national committeeman.

There wasn't a slip nor a break during the convention. Every official act was according to schedule. It was the most harmonious convention held by the Republicans of Shawnee county in many years. Dr. L. A. Ryder, of Topeka, was elected chairman by acclamation. There were two nominations for secretary—W. E. Connelley and Fred Shellabarger, but Connelley withdrew and Shellabarger was elected by acclamation.

Immediately after Dr. Ryder took the chair D. W. Mulvane moved that a committee of nine—one from each city ward and three from the county districts—be named by the chair to draw up the list of delegates and alternates to the state and congressional conventions.

Named Committee.

Rolling a roll book from his pocket Chairman Ryder named the following men:

D. W. Mulvane, W. W. Page, H. M. Phillips, Orest McAttery, A. G. Bauer, John Chaney, Richard Wilson, W. E. Connelley and Oran Layton.

The wind whipped around to an anteroom and began on the list of delegates and alternates.

Immediately upon their retirement motion was made that the chair name a resolutions committee composed of three Republicans. Right off the bat Chairman Ryder named P. H. Coney, George Clark and J. S. Dean.

"That list reads like a list of Republican Republicans," some one in the convention commented.

Mrs. Monroe's Resolution.

While the committees were out at work Chairman Ryder invited delegates to talk about any subject they wished. Mrs. Lila Day Monroe, while not a delegate, had a resolution to offer and was given permission to do so. Her resolution urged congress to pass the Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment providing for nation-wide suffrage for women.

Mrs. Monroe made a short talk in favor of the resolution and pointed out that the Democrats, in session in Topeka, were urged to pass a similar resolution. She urged the Republicans to get to it first.

## Political Toast Is Death Knell to Ward Leader

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Frank Lombardi, a ward political leader, died today as the result of gunshot wounds suffered late last night. Lombardi was shot while in his saloon by one of two men with whom he had just proposed a toast. They escaped. It is thought the shooting is the result of a political fight in the ward.

## 10 DEAD IN WRECK

Three Trains in Queer Mixup Near Milford, Conn.

Sixteen Injured Also Included in List of Victims.

New Haven, Feb. 22.—(Bulletin.)—In addition to the ten dead, Dr. H. W. Ring, a passenger on train No. 79, this afternoon said he understood between 40 and 50 persons were injured in the Milford wreck. Dr. Ring returned here this afternoon. At least ten of the 150 who were on board the train were injured and their recovery is doubtful.

New York, Feb. 22.—Ten persons were killed and 16 injured in a triple headed smash, wrecking two New Haven passenger trains and a freight near Milford, Conn., shortly before noon today. A report issued by the company stated six were killed and 16 injured. Reports at the offices of the road early this afternoon stated that the dead included four trainmen. The remainder were passengers. Several of the injured were said to be in a serious condition. They were in the rear car of train No. 79, which was struck by a special passenger train, No. 5.

According to accounts reaching the New Haven offices, passenger train No. 79 had stopped at a point about (Continued on Page 4.)

## TO BID US GOOD-BYE

Fine Weather of the Past Few Days to Depart Tonight.

An abrupt change in weather is coming tonight, with a storm and lower temperatures. The forecast calls for partly cloudy weather with rain or snow, and colder tonight; Wednesday fair. It is expected that the period of bad weather will be short-lived.

The wind whipped around to the northwest shortly before noon today and the mercury started a movement in the direction of zero. It will be several degrees lower tonight than it has for the past week. Following a short period of sunshine this morning the clouds returned and the remainder of the day was dark and gloomy.

The Kaw river is falling, and there is no ice left in the current.

Following are hourly temperature readings for today, furnished by the weather bureau:

8 o'clock	52	11 o'clock	55
9 o'clock	52	12 o'clock	47
10 o'clock	52	1 o'clock	41
11 o'clock	55	2 o'clock	38

Weather Forecast for Kansas.

Partly cloudy with rain or snow tonight; colder tonight; Wednesday fair.

## 109,000 Women Hold Men's Jobs In Great Britain

London, Feb. 22.—Over 109,000 women up to 1912 have taken places of men in British industrial life, releasing as many men for service in the army. These figures have been compiled by the statistical department of the board of trade and fall short of the correct total, as many firms have not yet made their returns. Women now predominate in factories which they never entered before the war, and work metal lathe and drills quite like old hands.

## TOPEKA FAILS TO WIN OUT

Democrat State Convention Goes to Hutchinson.

Salina's Interference Sent Democrats to Southwest.

WOMEN IN ROW ON FLOOR

Dr. Harding and Miss Vernon Arouse Convention.

Anthony Resolution Is Rejected by Big Convention.

Hutchinson won the Democratic state convention to be held Tuesday, April 11. The salt town won in a four cornered fight between Topeka, Hutchinson, Wichita and Salina, in a meeting that was by far the most tumultuous gathering of Democratic committeemen in recent years.

In an uproar, the convention rejected a resolution by Miss Mabel Vernon calling on Kansas congressmen to support the Susan B. Anthony suffrage resolution. The Democrats tabled the resolution at the end of a heated debate in which Dr. E. W. Harding, of Topeka, declared that Miss Vernon had misstated facts regarding the interview with President Wilson in Topeka. Miss Vernon was called upon to give authority for her sensational telegram and refused.

George A. Nesney, of Hutchinson, urged a state-wide presidential preference primary. The measure was given little consideration.

About 700 delegates will sit in the Hutchinson convention. The basis of representation from the counties will be apportioned on one delegate for every 1,000 voters. Mr. E. W. Brown for secretary of state in 1914.

Chairman E. E. Murphy of Leavenworth told the delegates that the finances were an important feature of the coming campaign. Without money, Murphy said, the Democrats could hope for little success and must satisfy themselves with a poor showing.

"We have paid a lot of the bills from the 1914 campaign from our own pockets," said Murphy in referring to the work of himself and James Ferris, secretary. Murphy said that more than \$100 in unpaid bills had been met by Ferris and himself.

Bury Hatchet.

In his appeal for funds, Murphy pleaded for a burial of the hatchet in Kansas Democratic ranks. Visiting Democrats applauded enthusiastically. The line that serves the record of President Wilson. The Republicans, he said, would encounter lots of trouble in the campaign and the Democrats should win another victory.

Feddy, who wrecked the Republic last early in 1912 is wrecking the Moose to lead the disgruntled Republicans.

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## GEORGE WASHINGTON

(By John Hall Ingram.)

This was the man God gave us when He bled the dawn of Liberty began. Who dared a deed, and died when it was done. Patient in triumph, temperate in defeat. Not striving like the Corsican to tower. To heaven, nor like Philip's greater son. To earth, the world was won for world's unwin. Or lose the star to reel in the flower. The line that serves the eternal virtues. Alone do mold mankind. Pleasure and stark while and perish, as the spray. Smoking across the crests of cavernous. Is important to hasten or delay. The everlasting sages of the idea.